

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)


TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 7, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to study the feasibility of
acquiring and utilizing
amphibious all-terrain vehicles
for the Miami-Dade Police
Department's Agricultural Patrol
Section and provide a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime
Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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9-7-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING AND UTILIZING
AMPHIBIOUS ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES FOR THE MIAMI-
DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AGRICULTURAL PATROL
SECTION AND PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Police Department's Agricultural Patrol Section was established to provide community-oriented policing in the rural and agricultural areas of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Patrol Section is comprised of three squads of officers that patrol a wide area encompassing approximately 440 square miles, from Southwest 8th Street south to the County Line and from Biscayne Bay west to Everglades National Park; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Patrol Section section provides services that include, but are not limited to, (1) investigations of burglary, theft, and criminal mischief of farm equipment, (2) proactive patrols of groves, nurseries, apiaries, produce, and U-Pick fields, (3) investigations of cruelty to farm animals, assaults, disputes concerning agricultural-related issues, incidents involving exotic animals and illegal dumping, (4) intelligence-gathering on cockfighting and illegal cantinas; (5) inspections of groves, fruit stands, and vehicles transporting produce and plants; and (6) gathering lost or loose farm animals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these responsibilities, the Agricultural Patrol Section is also tasked with assisting regular investigative units by accessing hard-to-reach areas that would otherwise be impenetrable by ordinary law enforcement equipment and vehicles; and

WHEREAS, amphibious all-terrain vehicles are small, off-road vehicles that are designed to float and capable of traversing swamps, ponds, streams, and dry land; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the Agricultural Patrol Section may benefit from being able to use amphibious all-terrain vehicles when conducting its law enforcement responsibilities across the multiple terrains that are encountered during patrols of the rural and agricultural areas of Miami-Dade County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to analyze the feasibility of acquiring and utilizing amphibious all-terrain vehicles for the Miami-Dade Police Department's Agricultural Patrol Section. The Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide the requested feasibility study to the Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, and such study shall be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Jean Monestime, Chairman | |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Dennis C. Moss | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | Xavier L. Suarez |
| Juan C. Zapata | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of September, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Michael B. Valdes